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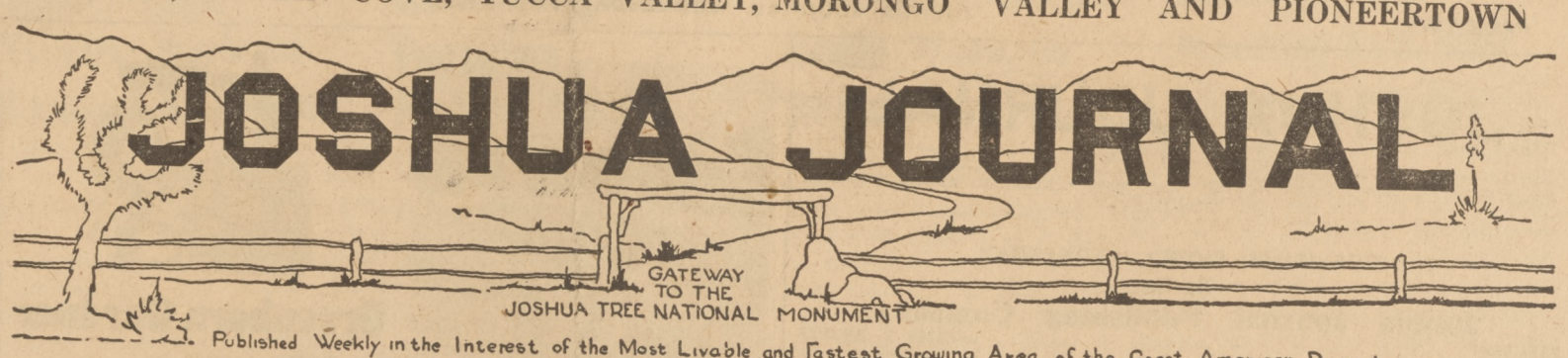

Latest Rumor on Section 13 Dept.

It is rumored that there is a rumor going the rounds that power line easements to section 13 can't be had from 2 homesteaders. Democratic privileges being what they are in this county it's any man's right to make the progress of civilization get its easements the hard way (ouch!).

Construction of Yucca Valley School to Begin in February

YUCCA VALLEY — The contract for the construction of the Yucca Valley grammar school is scheduled to begin in Feb., according to instructions from the school board. The contract which was awarded to the Travelodge Corporation of San iego was approved Jan. 25th by the Allocation Board in Sacramento. The State funds were transferred to the County Treasury in the amount of $116,078.82 for the construction of the school.

According to the contract the school is scheduled for completion within six calendar months from the date of notice to begin work. The Yucca Valley School will adequately house all of the pupils residing in Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree and Pioneertown.

". . Christopher Bean" Acquires Swedish Star

MORONGO VALLEY (EXCLUSIVE) — Stig Krona, radio and television star from Hollywood and Sweden is a late addition to the cast of "The Late Christopher Bean," current production of the Morongo Valley Community Theatre. In a personal interview Mr. Krona revealed that he was vitally interested in becoming better acquainted with the American way of life and its people, and he is taking every opportunity to associate with us more closely.

Born in Stockholm, Sweden, and educated there, he learned his acting abilities from his actress mother, Edith Engel, and at the Royal Dramatic Theatre. Stig came to this country shortly after the war and wrote Swedish plays in New York and Chicago while learning the language. While in Sweden he worked with Marta Turen (lucky guy) and spent his spare time becoming an expert skiier.

Now in Hollywood, Stig is taking radio and television roles to improve his English (confidentially he speaks more coherently than us natives), and takes every opportunity to develop his command of the language and knowledge of its people, hence our privilege of having him in the cast of "The Late Mr. Christopher Bean."

Veterans Must File Exemption Claims Under New Tax Rule

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Veterans buying properties on an unrecorded contract, with titles vested in someone else's name are warned that they may lose their $1,000.00 tax exemption unless they take immediate steps to comply with the new state law, according to Vic Curran, County tax assessor's deputy. Section 261 is added to the Revenue and Taxation Code to read:

As a prerequisite to the allowance of either the veterans' or welfare exemption with respect to taxes on real property, the interest of the claimant in the property must be of record on he lien date in the office of the recorder of the County in which the property is located.

Failure of the claimant to establish the fact of such recordation to the assessor constitutes a waiver of the exemption.

Boy Scout Drive Nets Over $1100

YUCCA VALLEY — The annual finance drive for the Boy Scouts of the Arrowhead Area Council exceeded expectation in this area. At last reports there was over eleven-hundred dollars pledged. The drive teams met at Tommy Bouchey's for breakfast Friday, Jan. 27th, and after an instruction talk by Field Scout Executive, John Korb, the teams scattered to their various communities to raise the funds.

The teams all checked in at coffee time and the sums were totaled. The Morongo Valley team captained by D. F. Geil brought in a total of $97.50 in pedges; Yucca Valley, under Clay Tunstall: $187.25; Yucca Valley under Capt. Ed. Hardesty $154.20; Pioneertown under Curt Bush $40.00; Sunfair, under Forrest Summers $33.25; Joshua Tree, Ray Rees, $274.00; and Joshua Tree under Jeanette Brown, carrying the highest total: $315.25.

The citizens of the Joshua Desert were very liberal in their contributions to the Scout Fund. These monies will be used by the Arrowhead Area Scout Council in executive and expansion work for the Scouts. John Korb, Field Executive, will be in this area one day each week helping with Scout planning and organization.

John Duncan, Chairman of the Joshua Tree Scout Council introduced Mr. Korb to the teams at the Scout breakfast. Guests were Mr. Hudson, campaign captain from Twentynine Palms, Frank Givens, Supt. of the Joshua National Monument Park, and members of Troop 75 of Yucca Valley who recited the Scout oath. Fifty-four persons were present at the breakfast. The workers set the example for the drive by pledging themselves to over three-hundred dollars.

An Introduction to a Brief History of The Greater Morongo Basin and its Communities

By Martel Ferris

(This is the first of a series of articles introducing the reader to the new communities of a fast growing area that was once an almost barren desert; a part of California, little known to outsiders, until recently, that has a history as old, and as dynamic as Death Valley or San Francisco. Because it is surrounded by mountains, and off the main highways little publicity and few tourists have heralded its existence, yet it is one of the most scenic and pleasant spots in America. And nowhere can one find a healthier climate. For those reasons it is now becoming known and visited by increasing numbers of people; people who are looking for something more important than the gold that was once mined in the adjacent hills: health and recreation. They can be found at a price far cheaper than that paid by those who came to wrest riches from the rocks, and at any of the communities about which we are going to write; Twentynine Palms, Sunfair, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Pioneertown, and Morongo Valley. In our first article we are giving but a brief sketch of the history of the Greater Morongo Basin. Watch for next week's issue — Ed.)

Spring Is Where You Find It

JOSHUA TREE — While conversing with a couple of charming ladies, who were visiting our fair desert recently, we intercepted the naive remark that this is a lovely climate, but too bad it was so hot in the summer time. Ladies, Please, Such ignorance cannot go past unadjusted, and especially when this was your first visit here Have you ever been in the smog shrouded city of the "angels," or one of its neighboring valley communities when the temperature and humidity hovered around a hundred and better? Uh,huh! And have you ever been in our oxygen saturated desert when the temperature and humidity gave you the desire to go elsewhere? Yer dad-blamed tootin' you ain't, and you never will. Because that just doesn't happen here.

Many people have the distorted notion that the word desert means: quote (Webster) — a hot barren tract incapable of supporting life or vegetation: a solitude. unquote. Friend Webster and his associates have only publicized their abysmal ignorance, and doubtless have never even seen so much as a sprig of sage brush in their entire cloisters.

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Below's Changes Ownership

"IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK"

JOSHUA TREE — Below's, the place where good beer has cooled many a parched throat, changed ownership the 24th of January. Arnold and Helen Benedict, former owners, sold the bar to Jack and Fern Walsh of Hollywood.

The Walshes formerly were in the motel business in H'wd previous to opening up in Joshua Tree. They have been in the restaurant and bar business since nineteen thirty-three. It took three trips to the desert to convince the new owners that this was the place. They had considered several places in near-by desert cities, but decided Joshua Tree the best choice.

Jack Walsh stated that they plan to do some remodeling in the near future.

Crane Realty made the deal between the Benedicts and the present owners.

Women's Club to Give Dance

The Joshua Tree Women's Club board met at the home of Mrs. Gus Ojala on Jan. 25th. Plans were made for a dance to be held at the Sportsman Hall on Feb. 11th. Mrs. Wm. Longshaw, Mrs. Ray Moore, and Dr. Nola Elliott were appointed to work out details. It is to be a Costume Dance, "Kids for One Night." There will be prizes, — Good Music and Fun. So plan to attend dressed as t child — represent any country and win a prize.

Local Bankers Attend Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Wasserburger, Agnes E. Wasserburger, R. D. Coon and Betty J. Coon of the Joshua Monument National Bank of Twenty Nine Palms represented local Banks at the 23rd annual Dinner meeting of the Independent Bankers Association of Southern California held in Los Angeles last night (Jan. 26), which featured an address by Herman Feucht, Vice President, American National Bank of Denver.

Feucht called on Bankers to take their position of leadership in educating the public generally to sound economic policies. "Sound money is dependent upon balanced budgets and cannot long survive large budget daficits," he told the assembled bankers. "Spendthrift policies undermine an economy and may lead to the biggest financial collapse in the history of the nation or a complete socialization of credit to avert a national calamity. These truths are self evident to us, but we can't expect the public to know or understand them, unless we, who are most informed, speak out. If we do not, who will? Another serious threat to the American

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Ambulance Association News

We're proud to announce that the ambulance is now being equipped with oxygen tanks and mask! Another step taken forward to give the people of the valley still better service!

Dr. Charles E. Dodson, of Joshua Tree, has volunteered his services in training the drivers in the proper use of this oxygen equipment. His offer is indeed gratefully accepted.

If you are not yet a member of the Ambulance Association, which entitles you to this wonderful we earnestly suggest that you join service for only $3.00 per year, immediately. Payments can be made to Mitchell's Real Estate Office or mailed directly to Secretary Gerhard, Joshua Tree.

REA Meeting

TWENTYNINE PALMS — The district meet of the REA at which the Washington representative, Mr. Wm. Letcher, will outline the program for this district is to be held at the Smith's Ranch (2 miles north on Adobe Rd.) in Twentynine Palms on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

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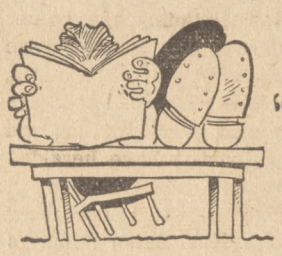


"Swish! What Was That?"

Swish, that was opportunity going past. Opportunity, in case your not hep to the latest, doesn't knock anymore. In this day of speed it goes by fast unless you are alert for it. And if we're any judge of the fleeting, fickle goddess it is zooming past us now. We're referring particularly to the publicity that we've had the past couple of weeks from OUTSIDE sources, and our lethargic reaction to it. Three national magazines have printed articles on Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Pioneertown and the Joshua Monument National Park in their Jan. issues, and we sit here fat, dumb and happy wondering why the sudden rush of visitors.

Pioneertown has known for several months that the Saturday Evening Post was going to print an article on them, but no one bothered to find out the date of publication so they could be ready to show off their town to the rush of visitors. Results: they were caught flat-footed with the place closed tighter than a drum with seven hundred visitors on one Sunday afternoon. Ironically, the horsemen shown in the pictures were mostly members of a Sherriff's posse that was visiting in Yucca Valley and just happened to ride into Pioneertown when the shots were taken.

Joshua Tree has a huge development rumored starting north of town, but where are the facts and why hasn't every effort been made to pin it down? One day soon it may wake up to a small boom, and of course not be prepared for it.

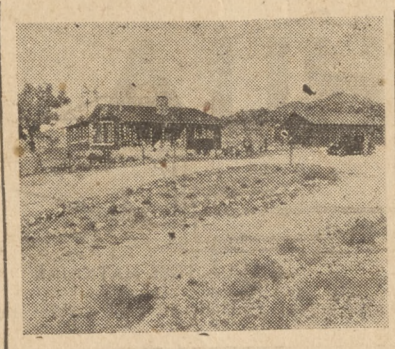
Yucca Valley, the fastest growing new town in the area, and it can't seem to keep its chamber of commerce functioning, or organize any publicity. People who arrive in Joshua Tree inquire of its citizens, "what town was that about six miles back down the road?

Morongo Valley, one of the most beautiful spots in the Joshua Desert, and it is showing only a slight bit more life than usual, but certainly not due to a great increase in cooperation between its citizens. It has gained its greatest publicity recently in a Daily News feature on one of its more notorious ranches. A great opportunity is slow getting started here.

Now is the time for some fast action if we're going to catch lady opportunity. Most of the visitors flooding into the valley aren't looking for real estate; they're hunting entertainment and relaxation, but up to now the Joshua Desert has little of either to offer. Let's get organized and offer them what they want, NOW while we've got all the outside publicity. What happened to that committee that was going to be formed to combine all the Joshua Desert Communities into one big promotional outfit?

And in conclusion, instead of writing a nasty letter to Ye Ed because of the herein critical comments why not use that effort in some creative ideas, we'll be glad to publish them in these columns.

M. F.



THE JOSHUAS

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

NATURE EXPRESSES BEAUTY EVERYWHERE

The sun is setting. From my cabin, we can not see the sun as it drops behind the low, near-by mountains, but the flame-red drapes in the sky are always a signal that night is nigh. To make the scene even more effective, the uplifted arms of the Joshua trees are silhouetted against that breath-taking drop curtain! Each evening we look at this picture; and each time we are deeply impressed by its radiant beauty.

Now we are sharing our happiness with Dorothy Ohlen who is a houseguest at "The Joshuas." Dorothy lives in Washington, D.C., and from there she makes frequent trips to many scenic places. Since she is a lover of Nature's great artistry, we are showing her that even on a desert the Spirit Father expresses beauty in numberless ways.

As we watch, the picture is changing and the sky-drapery, no longer scarlet-red, takes on hues of purple and gray. The sun has finished its day's journey and the glow is no more. I'm almost glad when it is gone, I've felt the ecstacy so strong; and human words are all too mean to paint this ethereal sunset-scene!

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Greenhorn Gardner

BY RUTH HALE

Gardening is the same in principle where-ever you are, but the technique is different. Gardening for the amateur should be kept rather simple until such a time as you find you are successful in in growing things. There are so many little tricks you will learn by experimentation.

When planting your seeds, remember that the seed-bed must never be allowed to dry out completely. To help keep the moisture and at the same time protect the seeds from the birds, it is wise to cover the beds with gunny sacks or like material.

At first sign of germination, the the coverings should be raised above the tiny seedlings, and another type of shelter made, to keep them from burning from the sun. You can make a "coop" with wire and lay your gunny sacks on top or you may use sticks. The reason for the difference in technique in desert gardening is that we have very little humidity and no fog to keep thing damp. Also, many of us have quite sandy soil which will grow things well, but we do have to watch the moisture.

Another way of starting seeds is to plant them in flats. To keep the soil damp, you might try the wick method. This is quite simple. Bore a hole in the bottom of the flat or box. The wick which may be made from clothes line or fibre glass is drawn through the hole, the top end is frayed and imbedded in the soil which fills the box; the bottom end drops into a pan or pail of water. The wick should be about 8 inches long. As long as there is water in the pan the soil will keep moist.

There may be a number of vegetables and flowers which you have seen in the catalogs and magazines and would like to have but may not be able to find in the nurseries, so perhaps you can get your own.

Be sure to protect your gardens from the rabbits. Young trees should have a coat of protective paint to keep the various pests away and to keep them from sunburn. A friend has been planting some of my shrubs this week and now I feel that soon my house will be a "home".

by Don Harvey

Harvey in Hollywood

SPECIAL TO THE JOSHUA JOURNAL:

Hi Neighbors! Our hat is off to PIONEERTOWN this week! Just in case you haven't seen it . . . run out and buy a copy of the current issue of SATURDAY EVENING POST. It carries a great story on the movie set where people live . . . PIONEERTOWN! A full spread of color pictures sell the beauty of the place to the nation, and it should mean a great deal to the folks who have fought the hard battle there. Yours truly is very proud of the fact that we got into the pictures, too. The cowboy leaning over the hitching rail in front of the Gazette office is Harvey; And that's WES HUDMAN talking to us. The pictures were shot while we were up in the clean air shooting "The Girl from San Lorenzo."

And just in case you haven't heard it . . . there's a lot of film activity planned for PIONEERTOWN this year. PHIL KRASNE has signed a contract to produce a whole flock of TV shorts in color with DUNCAN RENALDO, the Cisco Kid. They will all be shot in the desert around PIONEERTOWN and will be directed by one of Hollywood's best . . . DERWIN ABRAHAMS. The first two we shot up there were acclaimed by the New York boys as "the best we have ever seen." It looks like things are finally goin' thataway!

Just to keep you informed, JANE RUSSELL recently had her chest X-rayed in a pubilcity move for "Chest X-Ray Week." The report came back, and we quote: "There's nothing wrong with Miss Russell's chest." That doc wasted an X-ray plate! Anyone could issue that report after seeing JANE . . . IN THE MOVIES!

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"HERE'S A LONG - SHOT THAT PAYS OFF"

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Joshua Tree Notes

Mrs. M. D. Richardson, of San Diego, is spending a few weeks in Joshua Tree assisting her sister, Mrs. Monty Morris, in caring for their mother, Mrs. Robert S. Lloyd, who is seriously ill. . . .

Charles Mitchell and Sam Lafferty are starting a 'Ginner's Club, purpose of which is to be against most anything. (Personally we're agin' it.) . . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Mc Gee were visitors at their home in Joshua Tree this last weekend. . . Note in the Editor's note book. "Co-pilot Givens for Hudson flight from 29 Palms, don't know what the devil it means. . . . Miss Grant and Miss Armstrong were guests at Blooms past week . . . Mrs. Alice Fahey, of Oakland, visited her brother Mr. McDonald of J. T. Nephew Francis McDonald accompanied Mrs. Fahey. . . . A real hot rumor on section 13: Some one called our attention to an article in the Times about rocket bases near the Joshua Monument National Park. . . .

Valley View Trailer Park to Expand Facilities

JOSHUA TREE — Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Illick of Palm Springs have purchased the Valley View Trailer Park from the Pierpoints this week, and plan to make extensive improvements. The trailer park which comprises twenty acres of undeveloped ground will be divided into lots, fifty-five by eighty feet, making it the trailer park with the largest lots in the world, it is believed.

The plan to put one trailer to a large lot, is apparently a new one and has many advantages, since it will give greater privacy and more freedom to tenants. The lots will have electricity, streets, water and facilities for recreation. The Illicks plan to install a swimming pool, games and other forms of amusement.

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Guide Magazine Features Joshua Tree

JOSHUA TREE —

"Hotel Greeters GUIDE, Official Magazine of Tourists Information," in its January issue features an article on Joshua Tree, Calif. We are reprinting the article here for our readers on-account-o we think it's good propaganda:

"'Joshua Tree, Calif. . . where the desert lures and the climate cures'. A few years ago an undeveloped stretch of land situated among the hills in a beautiful valley; today, a growing new community is the story of Joshua Tree, San Bernardino County, Calif. Reports of the healthful climate and scenic beauty lured many to this land of year 'round sunshines and wholesome environment, where beauty is outstanding in breath taking sunsets and star-lit desert nights.

Gentle mountain breezes from surrounding mountains keep the humidity low and the temperature pleasant in Joshua Tree. The air is dry and the nights are cool and crisp. And the average rainfall is only four inches. This favorable climate coupled with her other assets has identified Joshua Tree as the place 'where the desert lures and the climate cures.'

Joshua Tree is at the Western Gateway of the Joshua Tree National Monument, one of the West's most scenic wonderlands. This beautfiul park of almost a million acres is a comparatively recent addition to our National Park System, having been created by presidential proclamation August 10, 1936. The elevation of this enchanting land ranges from a thousand to more than five thousand feet and is an excellent example of basin range physiography.

Attractively designed homes reflect the gracious living to be found in Joshua Tree. Beautiful home-sites are available on the desert or on the surrounding hills.

Plenty of business opportunities await the enterprising citizen in the area. As the community grows there is an increasing demand for more business establishments, restaurants, motels and places of amusement.

CANASTA PARTY AT JOSHUA TREE

JOSHUA TREE — There will be a canasta (pronounced Kahn-ah-stah, 'tis said) party Sat., Feb. 4th at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall, Joshua Tree. Bring your cards and table.

Sportsmen Club to Begin Work on Recreation

JOSHUA TREE — The Sportsmen Club of Joshua Tree will soon begin erecting playground facilities for the children of Joshua Tree on the area recently cleared by Sam Lafferty, for that purpose. According to Monty Norris the two hundred dollars given to the Sportsmen Club by the PTA will be used for equipment.

Erection of the equipment, under supervision of Claude Irwin, chairman of the committee for the Club, will possibly start this week. The facilities will include: basket-ball court, tennis court, teeters, slides, rings, swings and horizontal bars. When completed it will make a very fine playground and recreation area for Joshua Tree youth.

Eastern Star Meeting Feb. 9th; Members Only

JOSHUA TREE — The meeting of the Eastern Star Club scheduled for Feb. 9th at Joshua Tree will be a meeting for members only. The meeting was announced in last week's Journal as for former members and wives of Masons, but a correction from the club's secretary, Edna Frye, states that this meeting is for members in good standing only. Members are requested to bring receipt for 1949 or 1950 dues.

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Sunday School: Mrs. H. K. Lee, Supt., Community Chapel, 9:45 a.m.
Evening Service on Sunday at 7:15.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS
Fellowship meetings are held at the chapel the fourth Saturday of each month.

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Sunday School same hour
Community Hall

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YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Confession 3 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Rev. O. Dowd, Pastor

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON THEME "SPIRIT"

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." This declaration by Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians is the Golden Text of the Sunday Bible Lesson on "Spirit" in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

Paul said in his letter to the Romans: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For he law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. . . For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit . . . But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mary Baker Eddy says: "The belief that Spirit is finite as well as infinite has darkened all history. In Christian Science, Spirit, as a proper noun, is the name of the Supreme Being. . . . Man is spiritual. He is not God, Spirit. If man were Spirit, then men would be spirits, gods."

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YUCCA VALLEY — Clay Tunstall's HI-WAY garage is now a full fledged member of the California Auto Club Assn. This new service will give members free towing and all the privileges under their Assn. membership if they need service while in the Valley.

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June Bouchey Weds Paul Troester

YUCCA VALLEY — June Bouchey, daughter of Tom Bouchey, local restauranteur, was married Wednesday, Jan. 26th, at Riverside, Calif., to Mr. Paul Troester of Balboa. Mr. Troester operates a large passenger boat at Balboa. The couple will live in Costa Mesa. Tom and wife, Gwen, stood up with the couple at the ceremony.

The Late Mr. Christopher Bean

MORONGO VALLEY — After weeks of dogged rehearsal, Don Carter, director-producer for the Morongo Valley Community Theatre, plans to delight the local populace with his first production, "The Late Mr. Christopher Bean," a comedy done in "center staging," a new type of presentation that uses no stage or scenery. The play will be given in two performances, Friday, Feb. 3rd, and Saturday, Feb. 4th, at the Morongo Lodge, in the Desert Room.

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Spring is Where You Find It

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tered lives. There are more varieties of plant life growing wild in the desert (and we can prove it) than in the coastal area of California. There is a lesser variation in humidity in the desert than coastal lands (want to argue that point?) As for temperature there isn't one degree difference in the range between this part of the desert and any one of a dozen coastal areas we could name. The only difference is that the coastal areas get hotter and this we can prove!

There is a popular misconception, fostered by out-moded encyclopedias and dictionaries, and distorted publicity by coast-wise publications concerning life and climatic conditions on the desert which is our determiation to correct. Coast towns get eighty-five percent of their water FROM THE DESERT. More than seventy-five percent of all fruits and vegetables consumed in California come from the deserts. Steel, plaster, cement, building rock, oil, aggregate, insulation, salts, sulphates, cleansers, lime fertilizers rare ores and metals, drugs, herbs, cotten, animal feeds, are but a few of the things that our desert raises in quantity. The desert a barren place? Ye gods, have mercy on the poor souls who dish out such clap-trap!

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Contract Awarded For Elementary School at 29 Palms

TWENTYNINE PALMS — L. P. Scherer, general contractor in Redlands, has been awarded the contract for construction of the new five-room elementary school in Twentynine Palms. Although the contract has been signed by both L. P. Scherer and the local school board, it does not become final until it has been officially approved by the Allocation Board in Sacramento. Upon approval by the Allocation Board construction funds will be released by the State Terasurer and placed in the Morongo School District building Fund in the County Treasury. At which time construction will begin.

Since the amount of State Financial Aid is based upon a formula not completely applicable to the situaton n Twentynne Palms, it will still be necessary to use two rooms in the old grammar school building, at least until some arrangements can be made for two additional new rooms.

Bankers' Convention

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way of life is the trend toward monopolistic concentrations of banking through bank holding companies. This concentration of financial power is diametrically opposed to our free enterprise system and, if permitted to grow unchecked, will some day destroy it."

Officers of the Association elected for the ensuing year were: President Earnest M. McCook, Vice President and Cashier, American National Bank of San Bernardino; Vice President, F. B. Dickey, Vice President, The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles; and Secretary-Treasurer, G. B. Kellogg, Cashier, First State Bank of Rosemead.

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Carl Larsen Inspector on School Building Projects

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Mr. Carl O. Larsen has been employed as inspector for both the Twentynine Palms and the Yucca Valley Projects. He is a professional inspector who has worked successfully in the Southern California Area for approximately twenty years. His most recent employment has been as inspector on two recently completed elementary schools in this country. He is presently employed as inspector on the Agriculture building in San Bernardino on a temporary basis, until the two local projects begin.

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THE TURKEY GROWERS PAGE

ASSEMBLED ON THIS PAGE EACH WEEK ARE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE TURKEY GROWERS OF THE DESERT AREAS

Turkeys, Turkeys, Everywhere

SUNFAIR — Turkeys here, turkeys there, turkeys, turkeys everywhere seems to be the theme of Lucien and Marie Bishop. Aside from helping everyone in Sunfair with their turkeys they are also raising them all over the place. Last year it was for the Mayfield Ranch, this year for the Peterman's (on their own ranch), and next year, of course, it will be for the Bishops.

The Bishops moved to Sunfair in May nineteen forty-nine and started on the Mayfield Ranch with two thousand of their own birds, plus heping to herd the Mayfield birds. They had good luck, or rather good management and had a very small loss in poults. However, in one batch of fifteen hundred aggs they only got three hundred and eighty birds. Them was bad eggs! Heat losses didn't hit the Bishop flocks and disease loss was less than five percent.

Lucien and Marie were in effect "kidnapped" and brought to Sunfair by its most ardent boosters, "Chet" Bunker, Stevt Monninger and Betty Dutton. The Bishops were quietly living in Menlow Park and minding their own business (foundry work for Lucien) when the three "promoteers" gave them the piece-de-resistence on Sunfair. They bought the B-bar-M Rancho, ready made for growing turkeys, and hope to raise their own flock next year. Of course, now you couldn't drag them away with a team of turkeys. They like Sunfair and are here to stay.

Turkey Growers Assn. Meeting

SUNFAIR — George Palmer, field representative for the Hatchery division of Swift and Co. had the floor most of the evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Sunfair Turkey Growers Association, held last Friday night at the King Ranch.

Bob Kroes, president handled the business matter of the meeting which was mostly routine. It was decided that members of the Association would visit the Childres Hatchery at Santa Ana on February 16th as guests of Mike Campbell, manager of the Childres company.

At the invitation of many of the members present, George Palmer was asked to return again next Thursday, February 2nd, and talk further to the local growers about "Swift and Company and its Turkey Grower."

Vitamins Retained In Frozen Turkeys

Cooking destroys some of the B vitamins in poultry meat, but frozen storage up to eight months retains most of the vitamin, according to a study made in the University of California.

Dr. Agnes Fay Morgan, biochemist in the College of Agriculture, Berkeley, reports that the effect of cooking and storage for four to twelve months on the nutritive value of poultry meat was studied on 116 birds.

Of the three vitamins of the B complex investigated, thiamne showed the greatest tendency to be lost in broiling. Some 20 to 40 per cent disappeared in the cooked meat, while the loss of riboflavin and niacin was between 10 and 20 per cent.

Loss of niacin in frozen storage up to eight months was negligible, but in some cases losses of 25 to 50 per cent appeared after a year's storage. Riboflavin and thiamine was well retained in most cases up to eight months.

The legs contain considerably more riboflavin and thiamine than the breast, Dr. Morgan reports. Niacin is fairly evenly distributed in all tissues, with double amounts in breast, skin and lver.

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